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Milledgeville family celebrates five years with Grumman clan

If you saw Freddie Hurse's face as he showed off his work to his kids, you'd have seen pride. There was a lot of that to be seen when the Grummanites who work in the Milledgeville, Georgia, composites facility held an open house for their families and friends on Saturday, June 7.

Maybe Jo Haralson's granddaughter wasn't nearly old enough to understand about non-metallic parts for Grumman or Boeing planes or Sikorsky helicopters, but she sure could tell that Jo was awfully excited about something!

"We've been planning for this for the last three or four months," Plant Personnel Manager Bill Richter said. "A number of people had suggested it and the timing seemed to be good. We're drawing to the point where many of our people have been here five years."

Since the plant opened its doors to the Milledgeville community on June 2, 1975, it has grown steadily. Production began with 160 people. There are now 453.

More than half of them brought family to see the work of Plant 66. Nearly 1500 people saw boron wing skins being made, watched laser cutters slice composite parts and ran their hands over smooth fiberglass moldings.

They saw a continuous film about Grumman Corporation. Bordered by portraits of hundreds of the people who work in the plant, there were models of our present planes, pictures of those of the past and a huge photo taken of the plant when it opened. You could tell the original employees by the way they joked about the images of their old cars parked in the lot.

Sikorsky and Fairchild Republic also had major displays, also with video tape and film presentations. Milledgeville produces parts for Sikorsky's S-76 and CH-53F helicopters and Fairchild Republic's Thunderbolt II A-10 attack aircraft.

"Everything is so clean and nice," said the mother of Allen Cooper, a member of the Fiberglass Trim and Assembly Department. "I asked him if you keep it that way all the time."

Richter anticipated impressions like hers. The day before the open

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Grumman plans to overhaul aircraft in St. Augustine

On June 17, Grumman Aerospace signed a preliminary agreement to purchase the privately-owned, 57-acre St. Augustine Industrial Park in Florida. The property, adjacent to the St. Augustine Airport, will be the site of Grumman's aircraft overhaul and modification operations.

Grumman presently houses some of its aircraft overhaul and modification operations at its Stuart, Florida, facility, some 200 miles south of St. Augustine.

George Skurla, Grumman Aerospace President, said: "A facility totally dedicated to aircraft overhaul and modification operations will allow expansion in this growing market, which is important to Grumman's business base as we enter the Eighties."

The major commercial modification program—updating the HU-16 Albatross amphibian into a commercial airliner, the G-111, for Resorts International—will be transferred from Stuart to St. Augustine.

The St. Augustine facility would employ more than 100 persons by late 1981, with further expansion expected into the mid-1980s. Employment at Stuart will continue at its present level, at about 900 people.

Skurla views the two Florida facilities as "complementary." He said, "The St. Augustine overhaul and modification facility will give us the potential to include work on general aviation aircraft and possibly some of our own military products.

"Since Stuart is also one of our major subassembly manufacturing units for military and commercial programs, it would supply some parts to St. Augustine," he added.

Skurla described Stuart Operations as "continuing to have excellent potential." Several commercial aircraft subcontract programs are now located there, including engine nacelles and thrust reversers, along with overhaul and modification activities. "We've just completed a new $3-million, 102,000 square-foot building for our Boeing 767 commercial airliner subcontract work at Stuart," he noted.

obituaries

FRANK J. BECKERT of Prototype, Pl. 1, died May 14 at the age of 61. He had been with the company since 1950 and resided at 120 Garfield Ave., Sayville.

WALTER ABRAMOSKE of Press, Pl. 2, died May 31 at the age of 61. He had been with the company since 1951 and resided at 40 Dowd St., Farmingdale.

JAMES CATLETT of Customer Supply Reqts Mgt., Pl. 30, died June 7 at the age of 54. He had been with the company since 1968 and resided at 255 Cherokee St., Ronkonkoma.

ROBERT F. KWIATKOWSKI of Sub-Assy Major, Pl. 1, died June 11 at the age of 55. He had been with the company since 1956 and resided at 31 Brenner Ave., Bethpage.

New NAVPRO. *At a change of command ceremony, Captain Richard Breckon (R) takes over as head of the Naval Plant Representative Office (NAVPRO) at Bethpage. Captain Breckon had been Director of Systems Engineering Test Directorate at the Naval Air Test Center in Patuxent River, Maryland. He relieves Captain Norio Endo (L) who is now F-14 Project Manager at the Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, D.C. (Photo by Fred Annette)*

It's an honor. *Grumman Aerospace President George Skurla (L) receives Dowling College's Distinguished Citizen Award from Victor Meskill, president of Dowling.*

Dowling salutes Skurla

June 14 is traditionally designated Flag Day. This year, that date also marked the presentation of Dowling College's Distinguished Citizen Award to George Skurla, Grumman Aerospace President.

A record 1,000-plus people gathered at Colonie Hill in Hauppauge for the annual fund-raiser. Along with top Long Island business officials, former astronauts Alan Shepard Jr. and Fred Haise were on hand to pay tribute to the 16th recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award.

After receiving the award from Assistant Secretary of the Navy Joseph Doyle and Dowling President Victor Meskill, Skurla provided the audience with his personal views on the nation's military preparedness.

On the global scene, Skurla stated, the Soviet Union strategy is straight-forward and takes advantage of opportunities in the Third World, while the U.S. has "a rather indifferent and shapeless international strategy."

And while the Soviets have doubled their defense spending since 1963, pointed out Skurla, the U.S. has reduced its defense spending in terms of constant dollars.

Skurla said, the nation is "industrially and militarily unprepared for a major face-off" with the Soviet Union. He warned that the length of time it would take to react to an emergency is even worse. "How many times can the nation play 'catch-up ball' successfully?"

The Grumman Aerospace President then urged attendees to make their views known to leaders in government.

Need a ride?

BAYPORT/BETHPAGE: 8 to 4:30, summer student, call Donna, Ext. 2133/2269.

BRENTWOOD/CENTRAL ISLIP: or vic, to Bethpage Plt 25, to join existing 2 man car pool, 8:12 AM-4:42 PM. E Bomer, X2961/231-6984

COMMACK/E. NORTHPORT: Van Pool to Bethpage, 8:00am shift, $55/20 working days. B. Wellner x9596

DIX HILLS area: Riders wanted for car pool, vic exit 50 (Bagatelle Rd), 7:30-4:00 or 8:00-4:30. 643-5011

FORT SALONGA: to Bethpage, person to join existing 3-person car pool. T. Geraci, X8677/261-8728

FREEPORT/ROOSEVELT/HEMPSTEAD: Looking for riders, to Plt 1, 2 & 3, 7AM-3:30PM. 546-6087.

GARDEN CITY PARK/MINEOLA: Addtnl members wanted to join existing car pool to Bethpage, 7:30-4:00 shift. B. Cardinale x2407/747-7524

HUNTINGTON: (rr sta vic) to plt 30 or Bethpage. 8:12-4:42 shift. Will join or form car pool. D. Whelan x2901.

LEVITTOWN: to plt 12 — New South Rd., 1 blk from Bloomingdale Ave, off Jerusalem Ave. 7:30-4:00 shift. Will pay wkly from Ranch Lane, Levittown, 1 blk from TSS. J. Lesser x5235/735-4607

LOWER MANHATTAN: to Bethpage complex, plt 02, 25. 7:00-3:30 shift. Riders wanted. J. Calorhitis x3425/201-795-5253

MILLER PLACE: to Plt 5, Bethpage, 8-4:30 shift, 2 additional riders wanted. 473-8622

PORT JEFFERSON STATION: to Plt 5, 6, 7 or 8, 7AM-3:30PM, 1 more member to complete 5-member car pool. 928-1043

RIDE: to Plt 12, New South Rd, 1 blk from Bloomingdale Ave, off Jerusalem Ave, 7:30AM-4:00PM, will pay weekly, from Ranch Lane, Levittown, 1 blk from TSS. J. Lesser, X5235/735-4607

SMITHTOWN: to Plt 5, 7:30AM-4:00PM, looking for 2 people to join existing car pool. C. Catalanotto, X7044/265-8476

STRATHMORE/LAKE GROVE: So. Setauket, rte 347 to plt 35, 8:00-4:30 shift. H. Glickmen x8361/588-0835

Space antenna study given ok from NASA

You can't climb into a car with an open umbrella. And so, Grumman's design for a large space antenna—which looks very much like an umbrella—folds up into a neat package in the cargo bay of the Space Shuttle. In low earth orbit, the cargo bay doors open and the antenna is deployed.

Recently, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, selected Grumman for a $400,000 contract for further design definition studies. A similar pact will be awarded to a team from Harris Corporation and Rockwell International. The contracts bring large space antennas—and the promise of improved communications, military surveillance, and the monitoring of the earth's resources—that much closer. According to NASA officials, the first flight of the Space Shuttle carrying a test antenna could be as early as 1985.

Great idea. *Jack Bierwirth, Grumman Corporation Chairman, congratulates Bill Greathouse of Advanced Systems Technology for being named Inventor of the Year. Greathouse holds a patent for a thrust reverser nozzle which is used on the Falcon 10, the 1124 Westwind and the Sabreliner 65 aircraft. The invention was judged the best of 15 patents issued to Grumman in 1979.*

Good foundation

Grumman has been involved in the development of antennas since the early 1970s. Both Grumman and Harris-Rockwell will concentrate on an antenna that is 70 meters in diameter and can be easily adapted for different test objectives.

"Large antennas can substantially change the world we live in," says Lou Hemmerdinger, Grumman's program manager for Deployable Antenna Flight Experiments. "With microwave, for instance, antennas could assess soil moisture and predict success or failure of crops all over the world.

Back to earth

"Antennas would also beam television signals directly to home viewers, making it possible to reach scattered populations in the U.S. and in under-developed nations."

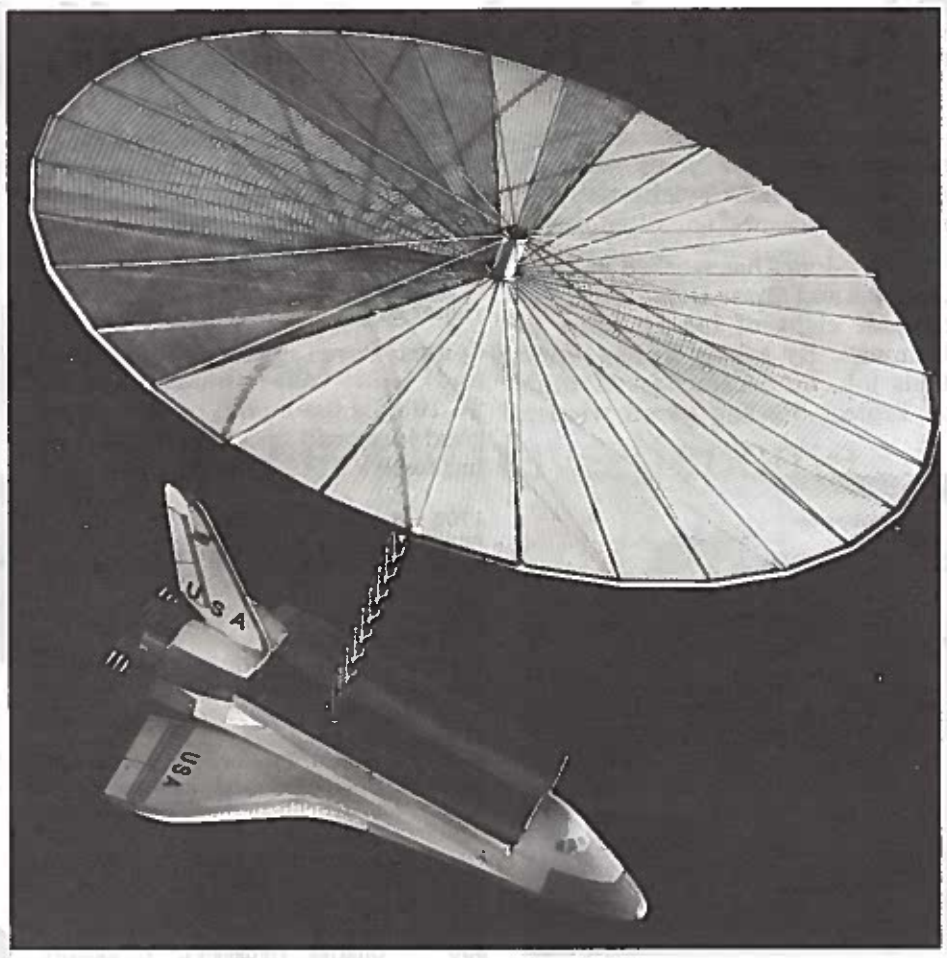
The Defense Department is interested in radar surveillance capabilities of a large space antenna. The effectiveness of ground-based radar is limited by the horizon. But space antennas could track aircraft and missiles from greater ranges without interference from the horizon or from the weather.

Large antennas are attractive because the sky is getting crowded with communication satellites.

Deputy program manager Jack Schultz, the inventor of the Grumman concept for a large space antenna, explains.

"There are many smaller satellites up there now, and the number of available orbital positions and frequencies is limited. A small number of large space antennas could replace the dozens small satellites already in orbit and relieve the orbital congestion."

Grumman and Harris-Rockwell expect to complete their studies within a year, and will then compete for a contract for the deployable antenna flight demonstration.



Look of tomorrow. *Grumman was recently selected by NASA to study space antennas, such as this version.*

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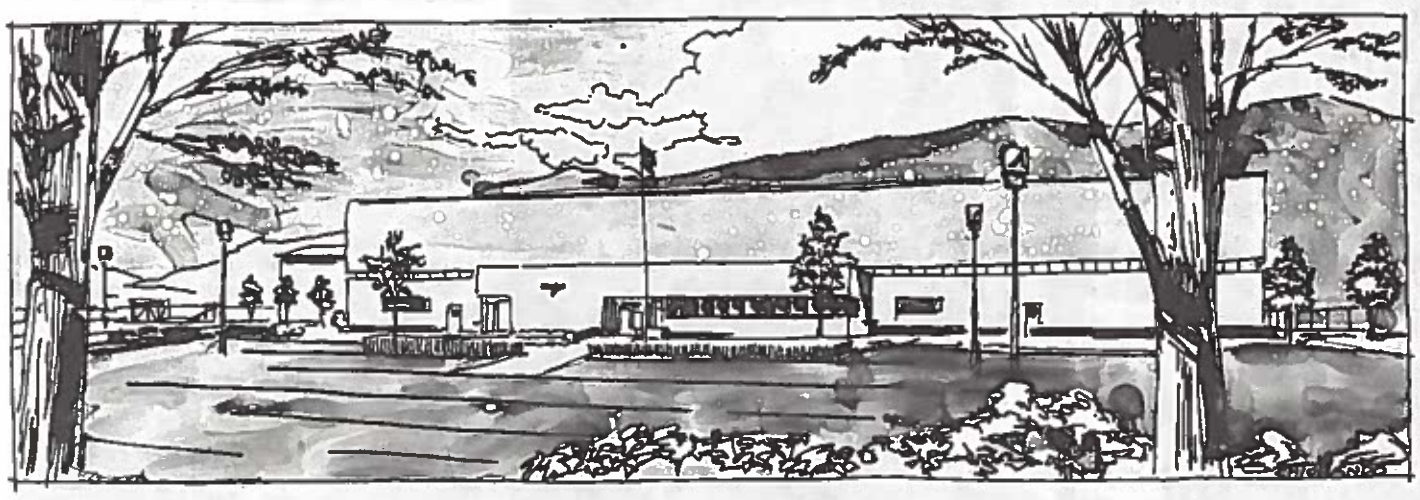
Glen Arm builds for productive future



The concrete foundation has already been poured . . . and by the end of this year, Grumman's Glen Arm, Maryland complex will have an additional 62,200 square feet of manufacturing space.

The expansion was necessary to accommodate increased production on the Boeing 767 wing center section program and other programs as well.

"Right now, we're turning out two of the 767 wing sections every six weeks," says Plant Manager Paul Causey. "By 1982, we expect that to go up to eight or eight and a half a month."

Equipment will be installed in the new building early in 1981. Shortly after that, more Grummanites will start reporting to work on the east side of Long Green Pike. There are currently 210 people working at Plant 56; by the end of 1982, there will be about 90 more.

Closer look pays off

You can do a job over and over the same way for years without ever realizing there's a better way to do it.

Taylor Jones has worked in Plant 2 Router and Shear Department for the past eight of his 15 years at Grumman. By taking a closer look at his job, he became last month's top Project Sterling award winner.

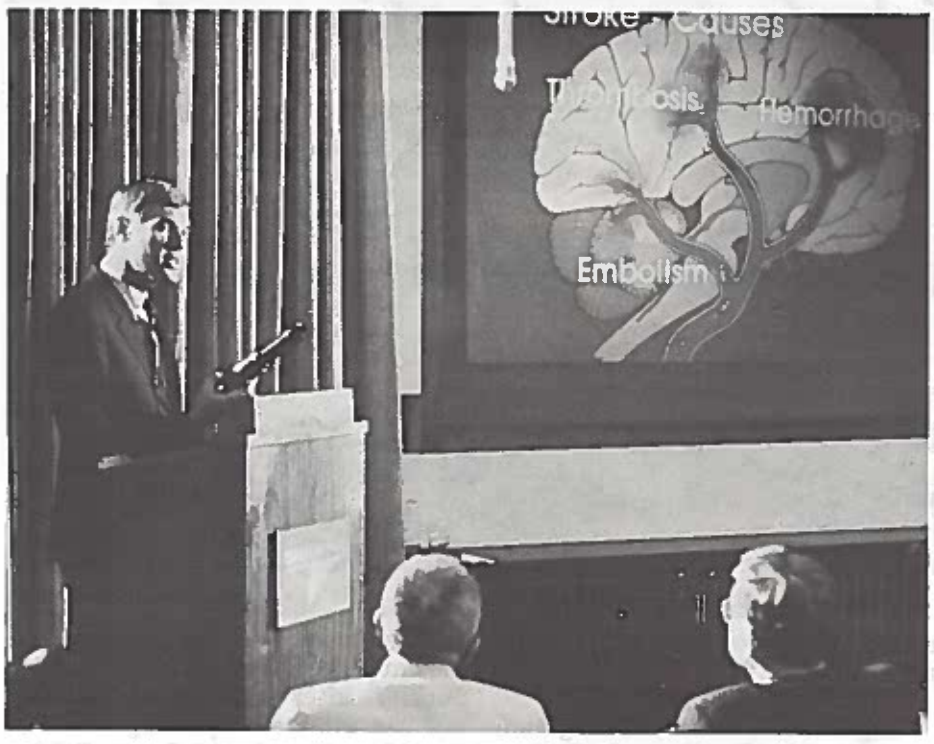
Taylor Jones

It occurred to him that the hand polishing they were doing on some E-2C parts was not necessary. "Parts that are listed 'fatigue critical' are parts that carry greater loads and are subject to more stress," Taylor explains. "They're the ones that we hand polish. But there were a lot of parts on the list that really didn't belong there—and we were doing a lot of work that wasn't needed."

Taylor proposed a departmental study to update the list. The study showed that 749 E-2C parts could be reclassified, eliminating the hand polishing requirement. His idea will effect first year savings of $15,021. It will also make Taylor Jones $840 richer in Project Sterling money.

Forty-seven other Grummanites also won cash awards totalling $6,195 for the month of May. Their good ideas will save the company an impressive $142,319. They are:

$705 — Louis Verardo-Pl. 44
$505 — Stephen Riselvato-Pl. 3
$400 — Carl Wright-Pl. 30, Bernard Mallow, Pl. 30
$365 — Carlos Cacho-Negrete-Pl. 25, Arnold Ferreri-Pl. 40
$300 — Frank Kaprinski-Pl. 3, Arthur Saur-Pl. 3
$200 — William Barry-Pl. 43
$185 — John Spades-Pl. 77
$100 — Rocco Figalora-Pl. 14, Walter Quigley-Pl. 35, Michael Armstrong-Pl. 88
$90 — James Schnaderbeck-Pl. 4, Frank Posillico-Pl. 6
$80 — Stanley Wowak-Pl. 8
$70 — James Albertsone-Pl. 2
$65 — Joseph Stissi-Pl. 43
$55 — Leonard Scaturro-Pl. 3
$50 — Charles Hedges-Pl. 1, Jeffrey McCausland-Pl. 30, Henry Roskoski-Pl. 5, Dewey Doak-Pl. 77
$45 — Walter Michocki-Pl. 2
$40 — Bernice Waterman-Pl. 43
$35 — Frank Kaprinski-Pl. 3, Arthur Saur-Pl. 3, Arthur Schwenker-Pl. 21, Fred Kahl-Pl. 77
$30 — Edwin Handshaw-Pl. 2
$25 — George Kramer-Pl. 3, George Wagner-Pl. 77, George Williams-Pl. 2, Ronald King-Pl. 35, Pericles Tsombanis-Pl. 43, Robert Wallace-Pl. 6, John Fleischman-Pl. 6, John Tokar-Pl. 44, Maria Mirpuri-Pl. 28, John Romanski-Pl. 6, Thomas Swensen-Pl. 43, Philip Kurz-Pl. 6, Julius Brescia-Pl. 43, Robert Schaefer-Pl. 7, James Cooper-Pl. 6, Joseph Altman-Pl. 43, John Matuska-Pl. 43.



Ounce of prevention. *Dr. Ted Diethrich, Medical Director of the Arizona Heart Institute, recently came to Plant 25 to give a presentation, "Executive Risk of Heart Attack and Stroke." Approximately 85 Grummanites attended. (Photo by Rich Breunig)*

Grand tour. *Ten members of the Chinese Society of Aeronautics and Astronautics came to Grumman recently to visit manufacturing facilities at Bethpage and at Calverton. Senior Vice President—Departmental Operations Larry Mead (-L) did the honors. (Photo by Harry Prodromides)*

calendar

Model Railroad Society: every Wed., Model Railroad building, 7 p.m., regular meeting, Grumman employees welcome. R. Muntz, Ext. 115-6330

Tennis Club: 2nd Wed. of every month, 5 p.m., Pl. 5 conference room A. M. Dolderer, Ext. 6498

Aikido Club: every Mon. and Wed., 5 p.m., Pl. 35 caf.; for sport and self-defense; L.I. Aikido Federation; Grumman employees welcome. B. Bauman, Ext. 7706/M. Stock, Ext. 7362

Alcohlics Anonymous: every Mon., 5 p.m., Pl. 15, conference room C; closed meetings; Personnel Relations, Ext. 3521; Calverton: Chemical Dependency Discussion Group, every Mon., 4-5 p.m., Hdq. Bldg.; open meeting. C. Robb, Ext. 117-6526

Coin Club: (Claverton) every Frid., 1st noon lunch, Pl. 6, conference room; Grumman employees welcome. W. Kondratowicz, Ext. 117-6680

Dance Club: Lessons in ballroom and disco starting July 2 thru Dec. every Wed., 5-8 p.m., American Legion Hall, Plainview. Guests welcome. E. Traina, Ext. 2263/M. Brown, Ext. 115-3406

Duplicate Bridge Club: every Thurs., VFW Hall, Plainview, 6 p.m., guests welcome. W. Lipman, Ext. 8414

Fencing Club: every Wed., Pl. 30 caf., 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Beginners welcome, free lessons; Grumman employees only. P. Chaldaris, Ext. 4331/J. Hayne, Ext. 5556

Folk Dancers Club (Calverton): every Thurs., 2nd Floor, Pl. 6, lunchtime, Grumman employees only. J. Hamelman, Ext. 117-6835

GACE Flying Club: Mon., July 7, Pl. 28 auditorium, 5 p.m., regular monthly membership meeting. Guests welcome. R. Reisch, Ext. 5967

Grumman Ski Club: Wed., July 9, Crow's Nest Restaurant, Melville, 8:30 p.m. Guests welcome. Sat., July 12, 4th Annual Shelter Island Beach Party, $15/person, 11:00 a.m. A. Garmendia, Ext. 7819/8910

Grumman Toastmasters Club: is presenting a "Speechcraft" series on 8 Wednesdays starting July 2nd from 5 to 7 in Plant 25. For information call P. Ivy, Ext. 2931

Karate Club: every Tues. and Thurs., Pl. 28 auditorium, 5:15 to 7:00 p.m., black belt instructors, physical and mental development; guests welcome. T. Ortiz, Ext. 4764

Personals

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. The Maniscalco Family

We wish to express our deep appreciation to all Pat's friends and co-workers for their kindness and understanding during our recent loss. The Regan Family

I wish to express deep gratitude to my co-workers for the kind expressions of sympathy during the recent loss of my brother. John Cheek

We wish to express our deep appreciation to my co-workers and friends for their kind expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness shown during the recent loss of my mother. John Solliday and Family

We wish to express our deep gratitude to all our many friends and co-workers during the loss of my mother. Irving Kreutel and Family

We wish to thank my friends and coworkers for their thoughfulness and sympathy during the recent loss of my father. Mary Massucci and Family

We wish to express our appreciation for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the recent loss of my father, Donald. Ray Dyer and Family

We wish to thank my friends and coworkers for thier throughfulness and prayers following the loss of my mother. Dave Kleiman and Family

We would like to thank my friends and co-workers for their sympathy and kindness during the recent loss of my father. Herman West Jr. and Family

We wish to thank all of our many friends for thier kindness and sympathy shown during the recent loss of our son, Paul. Mort Husted and Family.

Grumman comfortable in old Georgia capital

Driving from Macon, Georgia, Highway 22 follows the constantly changing slope of the land to the city of Milledgeville. Up and down the road runs gently, and a newcomer begins to watch the road too little and spend too much attention on a farmer riding a tractor or a young mother sitting in front of her mobile home attending to three children playing close to her or studying the buildings of a small town.

Early signs

You look for the personality of Georgia in the way people shingle their homes or how they smile.

Yes, the earth is a rust red color. There are plenty of trees and too much heat.

You could drive forever but time is too short and New York traffic hasn't backed up this far yet. Only about 30 miles out of Macon you come to the northwest outskirts of Milledgeville. It isn't as wooded here as the rest of the countryside. Here, people have planted their future.

Attractive to industry

This is where you find the industries Milledgeville has attracted to itself in recent years. There are quite a few. Some are in the business of textiles, others make air conditioners or clay pipe, another makes sterile intravenous solutions. They are neighbors to each other like the people whose homes you've just passed. There's just enough space between them to stretch out a bit.

You've found it

Here, you'll find Grumman Aerospace.

You turn right off 22 onto the long Grumman driveway, glad to see the familiar sign because, by now, you're only thinking about the heat and the heavy air. Once inside the rather tall one-story building, the atmosphere changes.

It's so cool! And bright and airy. And the sounds of the power tools are just like back home. Now you relax. Now you learn what Grumman is doing in Georgia.

Bright future

For one, they are expanding. 160 people, most of them from the Milledgeville area, started producing aircraft parts from composite materials in the middle of 1975. This branch of the Grumman family has since grown to more than 400. There are more to come.

"The business is there," states Bill Zarkowsky, Vice President—Milledgeville Operations. Projections indicate that planes produced at the end of the decade will have more than a third of their parts made out of graphite, fiberglass, boron and other high-strength, low-weight materials.

Zarkowsky says that Grumman is planning an addition to the plant which could eventually more than double the number of Grummanites there. Although plans for the expansion are still in the design stage, approval to begin construction could come by the fall.

> 'It's exciting to be here. Our people have become fine aircraft workers.'

"It's exciting to be here. I'm training a young staff. Our people have become fine aircraft workers," he says proudly.

Involved in their community

Most of the 453 Grummanites are natives of this pre-Civil War capital of Georgia. The remainder, about 15 percent, came from around the Big Apple. In both cases, Grummanites take an interest in their community.

Earl Seagle, Quality Inspection manager, teaches boxing to teens at night. Herb Holland, senior engineer—Materials Processes, serves on a housing committee. There are others.

"I encourage all my people to do something in the community," Zarkowsky says. "We came to a community to interface with it, to help where we could."

The community is growing. The roots are around Georgia State College, which emphasizes its magnificent red brick buildings with their grand columned entrances by underscoring them with the straight line of modern, glass and brick buildings.

Combines old and new

All around the school you feel the Old South. The distinguished Old Governor's Mansion stands proudly above Clark Street. All around are the lovely residences whose porches seem to ask you to stop by and chat. Huge old trees shade your walk down the streets.

Nearby is the Old State Capital, which later became Georgia Military College and is now a coeducational school. About 300 of the city's residents teach at the two institutions.

Just southeast of the State College the business section's tall, narrow, column-fronted old buildings standing among the shops provide shoppers with an aura of the Old South.

Hatcher Square Mall and the newer commercial businesses have grown up north of the city along Route 441.

Unique honor

Buildings commemorate history, but people make it. Recently, this nation honored Milledgeville's most famous citizen, a man who has helped shape the history of the world in his 93 years.

The newest American nuclear aircraft carrier was named after Carl Vinson, who served his district for 25 years in the House of Representative and was widely regarded as the senior member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Soon Grumman aircraft, with parts made by Grummanites from Vinson's home town, will be catapulted from the deck of CVN-70.

Milledgeville family celebrates five year anniversary with company

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house he said, "I think most people will be impressed with the cleanliness of the plant and the kind of work we do."

People would have had a particular appreciation for the efforts of the Personnel Department if they had known that wooden ice cream spoons are nearly as hard to find in Georgia as a cool breeze on a sunny day.

Not only did all the visitors have spoons for their ice cream but, just for the day, a new product was rolled off the assembly line. Whether Grumman will ever market it remains to be seen but the kids liked it at least second best. Each child got one: a red Frisbee with the Grumman logo.

Best of the day? For Darwin Moss and a lot of the other kids, "The airplane models!"

Proud of dad. *Freddie Hurse explains the photo of the Milledgeville plant to his children. Freddie was one of the first employees to join the company when it opened the plant in mid-1975 to manufacture parts from the composite materials which are being used more and more on aircraft.*

M. Michalowski

R. Anderson

C. Posillico

V. DeVito

E. Kellermann

A. Walter

E. Graziano

J. Lago

A. Swallow, Jr.

B. Brown

L. Cervellino

W. Kennard

J. Spicola

J. Kreussling

M. Johnson

P. Rapelje

A. Marrs

R. Zants

milestones

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Frank Silha, Sub-Assy (1)
John Scarpinato, Steel Parts Assy (2)
Genari Frappaolo, Wing Inner Panel & Combo (2)
Roy Stephenson, Trans-Ops (3)
Carmine Urce, Convent. Mach. (5)
Albert VanEssendelft, Plt. 14/26 Inst. Mgmt/Staff (5)
Lawrence A. Calissi, Trans-Ops (20
Robert M. Ballarine, Prod. Control (43)

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Edward Solosky, EBW-Final Assy. (2)
Marie M. Franzese, Food Serv. Acct. (2)
Frank Bunce, Struct. Anal. Staff (35)
John F. Miller, Pwr. Pl & Environ. Staff (87)

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Herman Henggeler, Small Parts Fab. (2)
James H. Richter, Advanced Aircraft Sys. (5)
Kenneth Fitch, Advanced Aircraft Sys. (5)
Richard Waldt, Advanced Aircraft Sys. (5)
James Vedder, Assy. Tool & Handl. Equip. (6)
John Morrison, Config. Data Mgmt. (25)
John G. Roukis, Sys. Eng. Mgmt/Staff (35)

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Due to the large number of anniversarians, the 15/20 year people's names will be published next month.

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Milton Michalowski, Elect. Fab (1)
Richard Anderson, ILS Verif. & ILS Supp. (1)
Cajetan Posillico, Drop Hammer (2)
Vincent DeVito, Optical Tooling (2)
Edward Kellermann, Maint-Rearrangement (2)
Arthur Walter, Convent. Mach. (3)
Walter W. Smith, Environmental Ctrl & Test (5)
Edward Okon, Presentations Servs. (5)
Eugene Graziano, PDC Mgmt/Staff (5)
Joseph Lago, Motivation Prog. (5)
Andrew Swallow Jr., Maint-Facil. Equip & Gen. (6)
Billie R. Brown, Fluids (6)
Lawrence Cervellino, Matl. & Log. Mgt & Staff (6)
William Kennard, Elect & Mech. ILS Supp. (6)
Joseph Spicola, Corp. Instr. Sys. (7)
Gerard Kreussling, Corp. Instr. Sys. (7)
Martin Johnson, Flt. Dev. Ops. (7)
Peter Rapelje, Config. Data Mgmt. (9)
Aldean Marrs, QC Lab. (10)
Richard Zants, QC Lab. (10)
Charles Morris, Maint-Rearrangement (12)
Charles J. Weizenecker, Material Eng. (12)
John England, Meas. Stnds. (12)
Henry Frost Jr., Aero Test (13)

Salvatore P. Spinella, Inventory Plan & Anal. (17)
Francis L. Mazzara, Trans-Ops (20)
Warren Ungerer, Rec-Insp-Mach. Parts (24)
Michael Antieri, Program Contracts (25)
Harry A. Volz, Security & Pers. Serv. Mgmt. (28)

Richard Heiligenstadt, Project Mgmt (30)
Michael DiMaggio, Est. Resources (30)
Joseph Welsch, Fac. Energy Conservation (30)
John Smedfjeld, Struct. Mech. (35)
John Proscia, ILS Mech. Eng/Des. (40)

Albert LaValle, Struct. Des. (40)
Richard Ellingsen Jr., Crew Sys/Equip. Integ. (40)
James P. Murray Jr., Crew Sys/Equip Integ. (40)
Charles E. Teufert, Prod. Control (43)

William Gaine, Maint. Admin. (44)
Gordon Ochenrider, Sr. V.P., Washington Operations (50)
Joseph Morgan, Plant Mgt. (77)
Joseph Schneider, Inspect/QC (77)

C. Morris

C. Weizenecker

H. Frost, Jr.

F. Mazzara

W. Ungerer

H. Volz

R. Heiligenstadt

M. DiMaggio

J. Morgan

J. Welsch

J. Smedfield

J. Proscia

A. LaValle

J. Murray, Jr.

C. Teufert

W. Gaine

G. Ochenrider

J. Schneider

Diamond defense

Varsity steamrolls over opposition

Opponents are finding it difficult—if not impossible—to overthrown the reigning Long Island Industrial League champs. The Grumman women's varsity softball team sport an unblemished record of six victories and no losses, thus far this season.

New blood

"This year's team has improved dramatically over last year with the acquisition of new talent, as well as the retention of about half of last year's varsity squad," reports team manager Ken Kretschman. Newcomers Diane Barnes, Joan Coady, Pat Davis and Karen Parvinello won starting berths on the varsity.

The Grummanites kicked off the season by taking on Cardion Electronics, a team which finished 12-0 last season in a different division. Grumman welcomed them to the Blue division by annihilating them, 13-0.

Robin Fey and Bonnie Dressler lead the attack with four-for-four hitting performance.

Grumman's next opponent, the Stanton Stars, had little luck against the defending champs. Grumman won 7-1. Grumman's Ellen Swicord had a perfect night going four-for-four at the plate. Both Davis and Barnes each drove in 2 RBI's.

In the only tough game played so far this season, Grumman defeated Social Services, 7-6. Parvinello (three-for-four), Coady (three-for-four), and Barnes (four-for-four) led the offensive attack.

Hartford Insurance was the next team to go down. In the 16-2 victory, Linda Schrage and Debbie Bianco put in strong performances.

But what must be the highlight of the 1980 season was the game against long-time archrival Pan Am. Grumman massacred Pan Am, 17-4.

The Grummanites ripped the ball for 21 hits in four innings. In the total team effort, Fly, Barnes, Davis and Parvinello, all went three-for-four at the plate; Dressler supplied four RBI's; and Fisher chipped in two RBI's.

At the following game, Grumman continued on its winning streak by beating Ebasco Services, 15-0. Bianco led the attack by blasting a home run and knocking in five runs.

There are still plenty of teams in the metropolitan area ready to challenge the Grumman varsity. Here's just a quick rundown on the varsity's remaining schedule:

June 28-29: Women's Early Bird tourney at Jones Beach. July 4-5-6: Women's Independent tourney at Cantiague Park and Jones Beach. July 16: Hartford Insurance at Tudor Field (next to Mother's Plant 3 restaurant on South Oyster Bay Rd.) July 24: Ebasco Services at Tudor Field. Both Tudor Field games begin at 6 p.m. For a more detailed game schedule, call Kretschman, Ext. 5708. Grummanites and their families and friends are invited to cheer the varsity onto victory.

Golf day: August 12

Clean up your golf clubs. Practice your swing. The ever-popular 1980 GAA Golf Championship and Kickers Tournament is slated for Tuesday, August 12, at the Pine Hills Country Club in Manorville.

Because of the large number of Grumman golf enthusiasts who wish to play, GAA is holding a special sign-up in its new building at 900 South Oyster Bay Rd. (across from Plant 20) on Tuesday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m. At this time *only*, you may sign up for the annual golf outing. One member of your foursome must attend this special drawing. A check for $94 must be submitted at this time.

Entry fee

The $23.50 fee per golfer includes: golf, cocktail hour with hor d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, trophies and kickers' prizes.

In this handicap and low-gross tourney, everyone gets to tee-off at the same time. Contestants are assigned a starting hole, wait for a shotgun blast and commence play. This way, everyone finishes around the same time.

All of the usual prizes will be awarded for low gross, low net, a seniors division, women's division, longest drive and closest-to-the-pin.

Golf carts are also available for $12.84. Reserve carts at the July 8th drawing in the new GAA headquarters. For additional information, call Mike Cherry, Ext. 2133/2269.

Erickson upsets Egan in tennis

The annual GAA tennis singles tournaments are in full swing now. After the second and third rounds, the only seeded player to be bumped from the ladder is Lynn Egan, defending champ in the women's singles division.

Jan Erickson took on the former champ and dropped the first set, 1-6. But Erickson swept the next two sets, 6-2, 6-2, to move into the finals against Jean DeLan. DeLan beat Jean Hilsby, 6-4, 6-0, to earn a slot at center court.

Other action in the second round was:

L. Egan beat M. Mickol, 6-1, 6-2; J. Erickson beat P. Pearson, 6-3, 6-1; J. DeLan def. P. Baldassare, 6-0, 6-3; and J. Hilsby def. O. Williams, default.

Meanwhile the men's "B" singles tourney has been narrowed down to only 16 competitors. That's quite a cut from over 86 players who entered the event.

Men's "B" division results for second round are: J. Castle def. R. Benoit, 6-1, 6-2; J. Michaelson def. W. Bostrom, 6-1, 6-1; D. Nicosia def. J. Terranova (default); G. Moletz def, R. Jarvis, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6; R. Passalacqua def. D. Reade, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; B. Hurley def. E. Peohlman, 6-3, 6-4; A. Andrus def. J. Toth, 6-2, 6-0; L. Pizzo def. C. Watson, 6-2, 6-3; E. McCormick def. H. Rosehgarten, 6-0, 6-3; A. Pifko def. G. De Ioro, 6-2, 6-3; T. Asaro def. V. Tricano, 6-1, 6-0; F. Prisco def. J. Blumling, 6-0, 6-2; C. Brewster def. A. Menton, 7-5, 6-1; D. Van Valkenburgh def. B. Owen, 6-0, 6-4; J. White def. W. Sidoruk, 6-2, 6-0. H. Fromer def. J. Virzi, 6-1, 6-0.

V. Accolla def. C. Kohl, 4-6, 8-6, 6-3; J. Kirsch def. J. Schrittwieser, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; R. Strollo def. E. O'Gara, 7-6, 6-3; J. Scannello def. K. Malecki, 6-0, 6-0; F. Calderone def. R. Coggiano (forfeit); A. Loeffler def. T. Johnson, 7-6, 6-2; D. Bove def. W. Lyons, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; D. D. Cassese def. A. Kong, 6-0, 6-4; N. Malandro def. N. Corvelli, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; R. Kelly def. R. Hachemeister, 6-1, 6-2; J. Breitfeller def. F. Angrisani 6-2, 6-1; J. Karanic def. R. Thuma, 6-1, 6-4; J. Campbell def. S. Abraham, 6-0, 6-0; B. Schmitt def. J. Hendry, 6-1, 6-l; T. Stefaniw def. J. Conover, 7-6, 6-1; F. Perazzo def. S. DeMay, 6-4, 6-4.

Third round results of the men's "B" singles tourney are: Accolla beat Kirsch, 6-8, 6-1, 6-0; Scannello def. Strollo, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; Calderone def. Loeffler, 6-2, 6-2; Cassese def. Bove, 6-2, 6-1; Breitfeller def. Karanic, 6-1, 6-3; Schmitt def. Campbell, 6-4, 6-1; Perazzo def. Stefaniw, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; Castle def. Michaelson, 7-5, 6-1; Moletz def. Nicosia (forfeit); Passalacqua def. Hurley, 6-1, 6-1; Pizzo def. Andrus, 6-3, 7-6.

In the men's "A" division, top-seed Bill Jaklitsch has yet to play a match as of June 18. He drew a bye in the first round; in the second round, George Wegler forfeited the match to the defending champ.

Second round results of the men's "A" singles classic are: B. Jaklitsch def. G. Wegler (forfeit); M. Klop def. R. Bergman (forfeit); S. Feinberg def. J. DiStefano, 3-6, 6-0, 6-4; B. Fehrs Jr. def. B. Wenzel, 6-4, 7-5; V. Casale def. P. Goldberg, (forfeit); C. Langwost def. N. Dvoskin, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; T. Bartilucci def. J. Crouzet-Pascal, 7-5, 6-2; and Al. Kirillin def. D. Kline, 6-2, 6-0.

Leave driving to GAA

How about a few days in Williamsburg, Va., to kick off the autumn season? GAA is offering two bus trips to the colonial restoration area: September 18-21 and September 25-28.

All Grummanites, retirees, families and guests are eligible to take advantage of this mini-vacation. Costs vary depending upon occupancy per hotel room: $175 per person for double occupancy; $165 for triple; and $225 for single.

Included in this price are: transportation by deluxe coach with lavatory; three nights accommodations at the Bonhomme Richard Inn; three dinners (two cafeteria and one sit-down meal); admission to Jamestown Festival; two days admission to Colonial Williamsburg; and tax and gratuities.

If you wish to go on this mini-vacation, call Ellen Drasser at GAA, Ext. 2133 or 2269.

Tops at Stuart. *Joanne Driver (L) receives 'best in show' award from Vice President Ed Dalva for her pen and ink portrait entry in the third annual Hobby and Handicraft Show at Stuart Operations.*

Pinehurst II set for July 23

Just after PLANE NEWS went to press, the first Mixed Pinehurst took place; results will be printed in the July issue. The next Pinehurst will be held on Wednesday, July 23. Call GAA office, Ext. 2133, to register.

No matter what year, picnics bring cheer

In 1942, the beer flowed from wooden kegs. Dancers bopped to swing music. The Wildcats took on the Armed Services' boxing team in heated bouts. Grummanites proudly wore Navy "E" pins on their shirts.

In 1980, the beer will flow from aluminum kegs. Disco will highlight the dance band's performance. The little folks will fill the boxing bill.

Though 38 years separate the fourth and the latest Grumman family picnics, the years have not really changed the main reason why these annual outings are such a success . . . it's a great time to gather with co-workers and friends and their families.

Grummanites who had the job of setting up the 1942 Grumman picnic at Timber Point had a few obstacles to overcome. The big problem dealt with gas rationing.

Train routes were mapped out and Grumman arranged for bus transportation. A few years later, two Grumman outings had to be scrapped because of the wartime gasoline shortage.

Reunion

While the kiddies frolicked about the grounds, old Grumman friends found themselves reunited once again. It seems the war boom had split up many of the "veterans" into various Grumman plants spread across Long Island.

The big talk of the day was winning the Navy's "E" award for excellence in war production. Asked to comment on the 1942 picnic for a PLANE NEWS article, here's what one attendee had to say: "I can say quite truthfully that I am enjoying every moment of this wonderful gathering of Grumman families. And I think to call all war plant workers the War Production Corps is an excellent idea. I hope you make it stick and that the government recognizes the title in some official way. People who work at war production have every right to feel proud of the service they are rendering their country in this awful crisis."

Hard times

Over 15,000 Grummanites and their families gathered at Timber Point that year. For most, it was the first Sunday they had off since Pearl Harbor.

Things haven't changed. *Grumman family picnics have drawn crowds and smiles since 1939.*

Pick up 1980 tix now

Though they can't promise sunshine and low humidity, Charlie Fuschillo and his Employee Services team are doing their best to insure another great Grumman family picnic.

This year's event takes place on Saturday, July 26 at the spacious Calverton picnic grounds.

Tickets are now on sale for $3 per person, and kids will be admitted free. Pick your admission tickets up at your nearest ES office.

Your ticket buys unlimited beer, soda, milk, hot dogs, ice cream, plus music and entertainment — everything you need for a great day in the sun with family and friends.

The next issue of PLANE NEWS will contain additional information.

This bud's for Sadowski

Frank Sadowski, a tank man in Plant 2, took top honors at the annual Grumman Rose Show held on Thursday, June 12 in the Plant 35 cafeteria. Frank's dark-red Mirinda rose outranked nearly 300 other roses entered this year.

Frank has been raising flowers his entire life. His father was a professional gardener for the Doubleday publishing firm. And dad was the type to bring his work home with him. "My brothers and I were raised right alongside the flowers that grew in our yard," says Frank. "I guess you could say it's in our blood."

Frank Sadowski

Other top winners (in order of their placement) in each category were:

One bloom per stem — Class one: Frank Sadowski, Donna Culleton, Chuck Belensky, Tom Cassino; Class two: Mike Gabriel (1st, 2nd and HM), Diedre Vitale; Class three: Gabriel, Vitale, Belensky; Class four: Bob Kramisen, Gabriel (2nd and HM), Vitale; Class five: Gabriel (1st and 2nd), Charles Bennett; Class six: Mike Sheehan, Kramisen, Sadowski, Jo Matters; Class seven: Ray Muntz, Belensky (2nd and HM), Fink.

Sprays — Class eight: Belensky, (1st and HM), Vitale, Sadowski; Class nine: Bill Pietruszewicz, Gabriel (2nd and HM), Vitale; Class ten: Fink, Belensky, Gabriel (3rd and HM).

Collection — Class 11: Gabriel, Vitale, Sheehan, Joe Gregg.

Seasonal Material — Class 12: Peg Hilbert, Pete Zazzi, Barbara Spanskie, Karl Hagen; Class 13: Gregg, John Gatti, Lillian Nigro, Fink.

Arrangements — Class 14: Karl Hagen (1st, 3rd and HM), Lillian Fink.

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